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8 RAYNEL DORROUGH,
9 Plaintiff,
10 v.
11 RON BROOMFIELD,
12 Defendant.

Case No. 20-cv-06084-VKD

ORDER OF TRANSFER

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14 Petitioner Raynel Dorrough, a state prisoner currently confined at San Quentin State
15 Prison, filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus, challenging the lawfulness of his state
16 conviction. Dkt. No. 1.

17 While venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district
18 of conviction, the district court in which the petition is filed may exercise its discretion to transfer
19 the action to the district of conviction. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). Here, Mr. Dorrough challenges his
20 conviction by a state court located in Los Angeles County (Dkt. No. 1 at 1), which lies within the
21 Western Division of the Central District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 84(c)(2). This District has
22 adopted a local rule limiting venue for habeas actions challenging the lawfulness of a state
23 conviction to those out of counties located in the Northern District of California. *See* Habeas L.R.
24 2254-3(a)(1); 28 U.S.C. § 84(a). Accordingly, in the exercise of its discretion, and in the
25 furtherance of justice, the Court finds that this case should be transferred to the U.S. District Court
26 for the Central District of California, Western Division. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Habeas L.R.
27 2254-3(b)(1).

28 The Clerk of the Court shall terminate all pending motions and transfer the entire file to the

1 Western Division of the Central District of California.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3 Dated: September 9, 2020

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VIRGINIA K. DEMARCHI
United States Magistrate Judge

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